




MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor and City Council Members

THRU: Christopher Shorter, Assistant City Manager

FROM: Kimberly McNeeley, CPRP, Director
Austin Parks and Recreation Department 

DATE: December 15, 2020

SUBJECT: Ordinance No. 20191205-070 – Expedition School Boating Concession on Lady Bird Lake

Since the August 6, 2020 update regarding Ordinance No. 20191205-070, the Parks and Recreation Department (PAR) is pleased to report the boating concession agreement with The Expedition School was executed in October 2020. This Lady Bird Lake concession allows for the rental of recreational rowing equipment such as canoes, kayaks, racing shells and row boats consistent with current boating concessions operated by various Lady Bird Lake concessionaires.

The Expedition School was operating, via the Camacho Dock near the Camacho Activity Center, on the eastern shore of the lagoon just south of the Fiesta Gardens building complex. Due to an increase in PAR's use of the Camacho Dock for programming, including programs for individuals with special needs, it was determined that a new location for the operations of The Expedition School was required.

The new operating location of The Expedition School will be at the Festival Beach Boat Ramp, which is approximately 0.4 mile to the west of the Camacho Dock at the terminus of Nash Hernandez Senior Road. The school received a Site Plan Exemption in September 2020 to relocate the storage containers used by the school for storing equipment and operational materials. The Expedition School is anticipated to relocate the two containers within the next 45 days. The location will use the existing Nash Hernandez Spillway which provides access to Lady Bird Lake (see images below). Based on the terms and conditions of the agreement, this location will be utilized by The Expedition School for 18 months. PAR



and The Expedition School will continue assessing various PARD properties to secure a permanent operating location for the concession. Once a permanent location is identified, a longer-term contract will be established.

As the final requirement of the Ordinance, PARD is required to amend the Holly Shores/Edward Rendon, Sr. Park Vision Plan to indicate the location of The Expedition School. The amendment process will be conducted in coordination with other required Holly Shores/Edward Rendon, Sr. Park Vision Plan amendment considerations. With the above updates, staff recommends that the response related to Ordinance 20191205-070 be closed as completed.

Should you have any questions, please contact my office at (512) 974-6717.

cc: Spencer Cronk, City Manager
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